



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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The Honorable Wanda Vázquez Garced
Attorney General
Department of Justice
677 Cesar González St. & Jesús T. Piñero Ave.
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00919

Dear Madam Attorney General:

Thank you for submitting the November 13, 2018, application for Federal certification of a Medicaid Fraud Control Unit for the territory of Puerto Rico. I am pleased to approve the application, as authorized under section 1903(q) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1396b(q), and regulations found at 42 C.F.R. § 1007.15.

As detailed in 42 C.F.R. § 1007.15, this certification is for a 1-year period commencing January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019. The Puerto Rico Unit is required to submit to the Office of Inspector General (OIG), at least 60 days prior to the end of each 12-month certification period, a reapplication for certification.

Based on recent discussions with your office, we anticipate that the Puerto Rico Unit will be fully operational by January 31, 2019. Thank you for your personal commitment to establishing the Unit, and we look forward to working with the Unit's staff.

Please let us know if there is any additional assistance we can provide. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Stern, Director, OIG Medicaid Fraud and Policy Oversight Division, at (202) 619-0480.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Levinson".

Daniel R. Levinson
Inspector General

cc: Olga B. Castellón Miranda
General Prosecutor

cc: Seema Verma
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services